



## COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE

July 6, 2017

The Honorable Roger Berliner  
President, Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear President Berliner and Members of the County Council:

The Commission on Child Care is writing to you regarding **MCER 6-17: *Montgomery County Regulation on Before and After School Childcare Programs in Public Schools***. We are extremely disappointed to see MCER 6-17 failed to incorporate the numerous recommendations brought forth by the County's Executive own Office of Internal Audit's *Program Assessment for Community Use of Public Facilities Before and Afterschool Child Care Programs in Public Schools* completed on September 2, 2016. This internal audit report included recommendations and provided an objective review of the County's rebid process for public school space for before and after school programs.

Yet, MCER 6-17 does not appear to incorporate the Internal Audit's recommendations in any meaningful way. The Office of Internal Audit's report brought forth ten recommendations to improve the Child Care in Public Space process and as of this time, only two appear to have been completed. Instead, the County Executive's Office and CUPF, as with the earlier executive regulations, makes minimal changes and strives to codify the status quo.

Therefore, the Commission requests the Council let the current regulation sunset on July 31, 2017 and form a workgroup to create a fair and impartial process. This work group should include members from the Child Care Commission, parents, providers of child care services, advocacy members, as well as members from Health and Human Services, MCPS and most importantly CUPF.

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Or in the alternative, continue these regulations until July 31, 2019. At which time, a new County Executive can have an opportunity to more fully review the Child Care in Public Space issues and incorporate its functions into a more holistic vision of Child Care in Montgomery County.

We thank you for considering our concerns and look forward to discussing it with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Smith', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Greg Smith, Chair

c: Isiah Leggett, County Executive  
Ginny Gong, Director, Community Use of Public Facilities  
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